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1. A CAREFULLY-WORDED STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED BY CGT ON 13 NOVEMBER BUT ISSUED IN THE NAME OF THE CGT EUROPEAN SECRETARIAT IN BRUSSELS, SHOWS CLEARLY THAT THERE WAS NOTHING ACCOMPLISHED AT THE SEGUY (CGT)-VETTER (DGB) MEETING OF 12 NOVEMBER IN BRUSSELS WHICH WAS OSTENSIBLY INTENDED TO DISCUSS CGT'S APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION WITH ETUC.

2. THE STATEMENT SAID THAT AT THAT MEETING "THE CGT
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ADVISED THE ETUC REPRESENTATIVES OF ITS DESIRE TO

COOPERATE IN ETUC ACTIONS, ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES WITH THE PROSPECT OF ITS AFFILIATION. THE ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE INFORMED OF THESE CONVERSATIONS AND NEW MEETINGS MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE."

3. FOREGOING WAS CONFIRMED BY HENRIKRASUCKI, THE NUMBER TWO LEADER IN CGT, IN CONVERSATION WITH UK AND US LABOR COUNSELORS ON 13 NOVEMBER. KRASUCKI TRIED TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT CGT'S ADMISSION INTO THE ETUC IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME, BUT IT WAS CLEAR FROM HIS STATEMENTS THAT SEGUY, KNOWING WHAT TO EXPECT FROM VETTER, DID NOT EVEN RAISE THE QUESTION OF AFFILIATION WITH HIM. KRASUCKI REPEATED THAT CGT WILL NEVER ACCEPT TO LOOSEN ITS TIES WITH THE WFTU AS A CONDITION OF ADMISSION INTO ETUC.

4. COMMENT: KRASUCKI'S ATTITUDE AND STATEMENTS SUGGEST THAT THE CGT HAS GOTTEN THE MESSAGE THAT AS LONG AS DGB IS OPPOSED TO ITS AFFILIATION IT CANNOT EXPECT FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. HENCE, THE CHANGE OF TACTICS OF TRYING TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ETUC ACTIVITIES WITHOUT FORMAL AFFILIATION. IT IS WORTH NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS CGT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY ETUC ON 14 NOVEMBER. WE BET THAT NEXT TIME CGT WILL BE THERE.

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